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trade and traffic. If it has reached the Caspian channel of communication there is very little hope that it will be arrested there.

We are yet in the early part of the summer, the heat and dryness are in most countries unusual, both favorable conditions for propagating the active principles of the disease and intensifying its effects.

With regard to the general ravages of the epidemic I am inclined to think, as a result of my observations and inquiries, that our estimates of fatality have been rather under than over the actual numbers. As a proof of this I would state that my house is situated in what is considered the suburbs of the city, where the houses are by no means crowded and gardens and open places provide expansive lungs for the free circulation of the atmosphere. Yet within less than half a mile northward, or just on the outer boundaries of the ramparts in an open space, there are several hundreds of graves, each containing one or more victims of the disease.

The sad stories which people I am acquainted with have to tell show the malignity of the type and the violence of its action. The carpenter who does odd jobs at the legation lost the whole of his brother's family. He told me, and he looked it, that he was worn out going to the graveyard to bury one after the other in the flaming atmosphere of the daytime. Another lost his wife and five children, only one little child being left; a third was deprived of all his children. None of these lived in the lower or more insanitary parts of the city, but in comparatively healthy districts. In a large village east of Teheran, about a mile and a half out, for some unapparent cause the disease raged with such fury that nearly all the people were carried off.

Within the last fortnight the city of Shiraz has shown even a worse tendency than Teheran, and the foreign element has suffered in a greater proportion.

PERU.

Plague at Eten.

CALLAO, September 1, 1904.

WYMAN, *Washington*:

Plague is now present in Eten San Pedro.

LLOYD.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Quarantine transactions.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, July 26, as follows:

Quarantine transactions in the Philippine Islands, month of June, 1904.

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued:

To steamers for—

United States ports.....	4
Foreign ports	47
Domestic ports	167

To sailing vessels for—

United States ports.....	4
Foreign ports	2
Domestic ports	98

Total	322
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